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Project S.A.F.E. Street Nabs 192 Fugitives

Governor's Cooperative Effort Continues

LANSING – State and local law enforcement officers continued Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's commitment to protecting Michigan's children and families during the year's third Project S.A.F.E. (Statewide Apprehension of Fugitives Effort) Street sweep by focusing on arresting violent parole absconders. The effort resulted in the arrest of 192 fugitives from October 11 - 13.

"Protecting Michigan citizens is critical," Granholm said. "Thanks to the hard work of our law enforcement agencies, hundreds of violent felons are off the streets. Our message is clear: violent probationers and parolees who fail to meet their responsibilities will not be allowed to threaten the safety of our children, our families or our communities."

Project S.A.F.E. Street is a joint effort among the Michigan State Police (MSP), the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) and local and federal law enforcement to arrest violent offenders known to be in violation of parole and who pose a threat to public safety.

The October sweep included parole violations for armed robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, domestic assault, delivery of heroin, delivery of marijuana, felonious assault, felony firearm, fleeing and eluding, fraud, murder, operating while intoxicated, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a stolen vehicle, reckless driving, resisting and obstructing an officer and unlawful driving away of motor vehicle. Items seized included one shotgun, one hand gun, narcotics paraphernalia, ammunition and an ounce of cocaine.

"Project S.A.F.E. Street continues to send the message to criminals that we will not allow them to evade the law," said Colonel Tadarial J. Sturdivant, MSP director. "Law enforcement officers throughout Michigan are working together to keep Michigan communities safe by removing dangerous offenders from the streets."

The MSP and MDOC organized the October sweep which included 11 county sheriff's departments, 29 local police departments, one federal agency and one out of state agency. A total of 1,426 fugitives have been arrested since Project S.A.F.E. Street began in March 2003.

"Taking these dangerous fugitives off the streets is a crucial step toward enhancing public safety for our citizens," said MDOC Director Patricia L. Caruso. "By working in conjunction with law enforcement agencies across the state, we are creating safer neighborhoods for Michigan families."

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